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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action ("the Office Action") mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 16, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Response. Authorization is given to charge any additional fees due for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2, and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 3.

Please amend the application as follows: